

WORMEGAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting of Wormegay Parish Council took place on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 7.00pm at the Wormegay Mission Room

Present: Cllr. Sneesby, Cllr. Payne, Cllr. Chopping, Cllr. McAdam, Cllr. Moriarty, Clerk Vicky Matkin and 5 Parishioners

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Cllr. Malby, Cllr. Devulapalli

2. To receive declarations of interest and requests for items on the Agenda

None

3. To receive the Chairman's, Borough Councilors and Clerks Reports

Borough Councilors Report - See website News Page for more details from Cllr. Moriarty's report

Borough Council providing energy efficiency schemes - Beat your Bills Roadshow in Downham Market - 26th March 2024 10:00-14:00 - providing information regarding grants and general assistance to local residents.

From 1st February anyone with a disability concession travel pass will be eligible for free bus travel 24/7 within the County

Changes to Norfolk County Council DIY waste disposal at recycling centres

Norfolk Rural Business Awards - designed to recognise the essential nature and importance of Norfolk's rural communities and businesses to the region - **Entry Deadline 19th April**

Chairman's Report

Anglian Water have fixed the potholes outside the Mission Room

Clerks Report

Street Scene Inspectors - Visiting in March please email issue to clerkwormegaypc@gmail.com - see the website News page for more details of what can be reported

Mayor's Design Awards 2024 - to recognise work which has especially improved a site and its surroundings - Closing date 30th April

Cycle Storage Active Travel Enhancements - not suitable for the village

West Norfolk Local Hero Awards 2024 - Closing date Friday 23rd April

Norfolk Association of Local Councils Membership - £102 membership a year - agreed

HGV and speeding reports for PC Jamie Cowen - none at the moment due to road closures, continue to report concerns

4. To approve minutes of last meeting 28th November 2023

Approved and signed

5. Health and Safety Topics

None

6. Planning topics

Planning Appeal Notification Ref: APP/V2635/W/23/3331548 linked to [Ref: 23/00683/F | Subdivision of curtilage of dwelling and annexe to create two separate dwellings | Castle Dene, Castle Road, Wormegay, King's Lynn, PE33 0SG](#)

Neutral as a council - no objections, rather have 2 dwellings than an empty house in the village. Caveat that it doesn't set a precedence, don't want to grow the village outside of the village - don't want to open the floodgates. Majority neutral, 1 against - needs to be transparent and above board

A Parishioner raised their concerns over a 10ft fence that had been erected next to their property; they were advised to contact the district council and Cllr. Sneesby urged parishioners to put pen to paper if they have concerns to ensure it is recorded.

[Ref: 23/01881/F | Installation of 54.5kWp ground-mounted solar array to serve the irrigation pump](#)

Application Permitted 09/01/2024

Update on TPO's - not progressed as classed as desirable non urgent. Officer hopes to prepare and serve next week

County Council now own playing field

Action look into further to see what options available

7. Highways

Update from Highways Department

No work will be completed until all Anglian Water works are finished

Trod pathway no current funding - estimated cost of more than £45,000 will continue to investigate grants and funding options

Dragon's teeth not an option only applied to A roads and busy B roads

Update regarding Anglian Water

Behind schedule

Ashley Jordan Head Officer is happy for anyone to go to site office to speak to them if there are any concerns, they want to build bridges with the village rather than work against each other

Houses having a pot put in can speak to Anglian Water and decide where they want it. Residents in Castle Road have asked for the pots to go behind the properties

8. To consider the financial report for this meeting and approval of cheques:

Cheques for approval:

Parish Online Digital Mapping £21.50 reduced from £32 exc. Vat - Agreed

Action Clerk to check it does not auto renew next year

Clerks Wages £285.16 Inc. 7 weeks x 4 hours (27/11/2023 - 28/01/2024) - Agreed

2024/25 Budget & Precept Proposal for signature - Agreed

9. To receive feedback/queries from the Parishioners

Community Group annual plant sale planned for around Easter - donations welcomed

Cllr. Sneesby said it was great to see more faces from the village at the meeting. It is a chance to have your say but when we leave the meeting we leave as friends/neighbours

10. To receive items for the next Agenda

Action Clerk to order flagpole and notice boards

11. To agree the date and time of the next parish council meeting

Proposed 27th February or 26th March 2024 - both dates agreed